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Coastal District Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

As of June 24, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 118,000 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is well above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. However, all indications are that we are likely within our pre-season projection range of 130,000–175,000 Chinook salmon based on early run timing which should be adequate to support some subsistence harvest.

The first three pulses of Chinook salmon have migrated out of the Coastal District. Based on historical early run timing, the Chinook salmon run should be about 90% complete in the lower river on July 1. Therefore, subsistence restrictions are being lifted in the Southern Portion of the Coastal District. Beginning July 1, subsistence fishermen may fish 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

In the **Southern Portion of the Coastal District**, (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 1, subsistence salmon fishing will remain open 24 hours a day,

seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

In the **Northern Portion of the Coastal District** (from 62 degrees North latitude to Point Romanof and including all state marine waters):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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